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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SUBSTRATES SPECIFIC TO VON
WILLEBRAND FACTOR CLEAVING
PROTEASE AND METHOD OF ASSAYING
THE ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2008, finally rejecting claims 5, 6, 9, 11-14, 17-18, and 20-24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.